

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method for data transmission between a parcel compartment system and at least one ~~central-remote~~ data processing unit for operating at least one parcel compartment ~~system~~ systems having a communications device, the method comprising the steps of collecting events at a parcel compartment system by the communication device, whereby the events at the parcel compartment system comprise depositing and/or picking-up shipments and/or the expiration of time intervals, the communication device associating function messages with the events, combining the function messages into one single request and transmitting the request to the remote data processing unit, whereby each request is provided with an unambiguous RequestID, the remote data processing unit executing [[the ]]functions corresponding to the ~~events-function messages~~ depending on the transportation or delivery company or user affected by the event and, if applicable, sending data back to the communication device.

Claims 13-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim[[ 4]] 12, comprising ~~the sending component~~ the communications device sending the RequestID with the request to the ~~receiving component~~ remote data processing unit, and sending the response to the ~~appertaining~~ request back with this RequestID.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, comprising ~~the receiving component~~ the remote data processing unit confirming each function message with a status code that indicates the success or failure of the function message.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 17, comprising ~~the sending component~~ the communications device repeating the function message if the ~~receiving component~~ remote data processing unit has not sent back a status code within a certain period of time.